

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. New claims 4-12 have been added.

New claims 4 and 11 set forth the convergent part 5, which includes sloping wall 9, which transmits light to the inside of the mouth (see applicant's specification, page 4 the paragraph beginning at line 18). There is no disclosure of such a convergent part in cited USP 3,349,764.

New claim 12 sets forth the longitudinal slips stoppers 10 (see applicant's specification, page 4, line 26). There is no disclosure of such slip stoppers in cited USP 3,349,764.

Claim 8-10 relates to the converging outer surfaces (see surfaces 5 in applicant's Fig. 3) which are not disclosed in cited USP3,349,764.

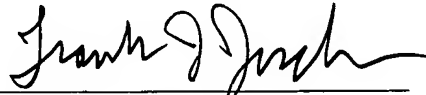
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In view of the above, the allowance of claims 4-12 is respectfully requested.

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